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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - ILL HEALTH RETIREMENT STATS 2017 - 2023 - APPEALS

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your request for information received by the Department of Justice on the 08 June 2024, detailed below: -

Request

Between 2017 and 2023 How many appeals were carried out in relation to the following:

- 1. Ill Health Retirements*
- 2. Injury on Duty award*
- 3. Injury on Duty award "banding"*

For each of the above requested statistics at 1 & 2 can you confirm the number that was upheld, refused and in the case of the requested statistic at 3 ("banding") if there was an increase/decrease.

**** If you cannot supply data from 2017, please shorten this range from 2019 to 2023 ****

This response addresses your questions:

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives you two rights of access when you write to us asking for information. You have the right to know whether we hold recorded information falling in scope of your request, and you have the right to receive this recorded information subject to cost limit or exemption.

Freedom of Information is a request for recorded data that the Department of Justice holds. To be helpful the response to your question has been supplemented with additional information answered under Line of Business.

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- 1. Ill Health Retirements (IHR).*

Please see requested information in table below: -

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
IHR Appeal Total	Nil	1	2	1	4	4	3

- 2. Injury on Duty (IOD) award.*

Please see requested information in table below: -

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
IOD Appeal Total	106	174	32	30	38	30	5

3. (i) *Injury on Duty award "banding," and*
- (ii) *if there was an increase/decrease in banding.*

Please see requested information in table below: -

**** Please note we do not hold information concerning Question 1 Ill Health Retirements (IHR) - 'the number that was upheld, refused and in the case of the requested statistic at 3 ("banding") if there was an increase/decrease'.**

YEAR	SMP REPORT UPHELD BY IMR	IMR REPORT VARIATION	IOD TOTAL	INCREASE IN BANDING	DECREASE IN BANDING
2017	100	6	106	4	2
2018	98	76	174	75	1
2019	18	14	32	14	0
2020	16	14	30	14	0
2021	19	19	38	18	1
2022	19	11	30	11	0
2023	4	1	5	1	0

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Yours sincerely

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